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JUDGE WILDER FORMALLY ASKS FOR BIG JOB

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and the transmission of messages, with proper regard to the interests of both the people and the corporations."

None of the utility bills introduced by Senator Metzger, Senator Rice and Representative Goodness, presumably on behalf of the respective political party to which each one belonged, but through. The bill which did get passed, Act 89, bears all the earmarks of having been drafted in the executive chamber. This bill was introduced by Representative Sheldon, the chairman of the judiciary committee in the house, as a substitute for the one introduced by Representative Goodness, and as amended was finally passed by the legislature and signed by the governor.

Section 1 provides for the appointment of three commissioners with their salaries, tenure and qualifications.

Section 2 gives the commission power to employ such "attorneys, clerks, stenographers, agents, engineers, accountants and other assistants as may be necessary, to define their powers and duties and to fix their compensation."

On request, the attorney general may also be consulted.

Section 3 provides for an annual report.

Section 4 defines the general powers and duties of the commission.

Section 5 sets out what the commission may investigate.

Section 6 requires public utilities to furnish information on request.

Section 7 requires public utilities to report accidents to the commission.

Section 8 gives the commission power to compel attendance of witnesses, etc.

Section 9 requires the publication of rates, fares, classifications, charges and rules of every public utility.

Section 10 is in regard to notice of hearings.

Section 11 allows any one concerned to have counsel.

Section 12 allows the commission to make rules respecting the procedure before it.

Section 13 is in regard to recommendations and suits by the commission.

Section 14 is in regard to regulating rates, etc., and allows appeals to the supreme court from orders made by the commission.

Section 15 provides a monetary penalty for failing to comply with the law.

Section 16 is in regard to perjury.

Section 17 refers to the financing of the expenses of the commission.

Section 18 defines the term "public utility."

Section 19 provides that the invalidity of any portion of the act shall not destroy the balance.

Section 20 makes the act inapplicable under certain circumstances.

Section 21 provides that the act shall take effect on July 1, 1913.

This act was signed by the then governor on April 19, 1913.

On April 23, 1913, the governor sent to the senate the names of the following persons as members of the utility commission: E. A. Mott-Smith, member and chairman; J. N. S. Williams, member; A. J. Gignoux, member. These gentlemen were confirmed the same day.

It thus appears that more than two months before July 1, 1913, a Republican governor nominated and, by and with the advice of a Republican senate, appointed members of a commission which was not then in existence legally and which could not at that time come into existence before July 1, 1913. The only inference that can be drawn is that the then Republican governor and the then Republican majority in the senate knew that the governor was going out of office. Yet it was important before a new governor was appointed, the name of whom no one could then predict, that the corporations affected by this act should know the personnel of this commission and that the members of that body should be confirmed by the senate, which was then directly or indirectly controlled by the "interests," because a new governor after July 1, 1913, might appoint commissioners not satisfactory to the "elect," which appointments would hold good under the law until the end of the next session of the senate, namely, until about the end of April, 1915.

In my humble opinion, it is a serious question whether the salaries since July 1, 1913, of the members appointed under such circumstances should not be refunded to the commission's account in the treasury. A legal opinion on the matter from a lawyer of high professional standing should be secured at once, because the sooner this question is settled the better for all concerned.

The fine Italian hand of the public utility concerns in this territory in endeavoring to postpone all action with regard to public utilities, notwithstanding the planks heretofore referred to in both party platforms, is seen when the filed of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser, a paper, controlled by L. A. Thurston, the active head of the Hilo railroad, one of the Dillingham concerns, are consulted.

In an issue of that paper of March 17, 1913, it is suggested in a lengthy editorial that possibly the time was not ripe for the regulation here of public utility corporations.

In the Advertiser of March 20, 1913, appears in the news columns a statement of what was supposed to have happened the previous evening before the house judiciary committee and the senate public lands and internal improvements committee. At that time, according to the Advertiser, a committee consisting of Messrs. L. A. Thurston,

C. R. Hemenway, D. L. Withington, R. B. Anderson and A. L. Castle, representing practically all the public utility corporations in this territory, appeared and for one reason or another argued against the then pending utility bills, and if any utility bill had been passed, (it not appearing that any of the committee distinctly favored any bill being passed at all, it was further argued that a bill along the lines indicated by this pro bono publico committee should be the one.

The present act is drawn on the lines then indicated, namely, to have a commission with power (1) to investigate public utilities, their finances, rates, methods and facilities; (2) to publish facts and findings relating thereto; and (3) to make recommendations for changes in rates and improvements in service.

These powers above referred to are the ones given to the present commission with the additional powers slipped into the bill by way of amendment when it was going through the legislature.

On March 27, the Advertiser had a long editorial headed "Investigation, Publicity and Recommendation," in connection with public utility concerns, the main thought being that the power of recommendation without the power to enforce such a recommendation was sufficient in this territory. In that same issue of the Advertiser, this same committee, representing the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, the Honolulu Merchants' Association and the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, the bodies that control the political and financial destinies of every man, woman and child permanently located in this territory, published an able, elaborate, exhaustive and very, very plausible brief with the same end in view, as suggested editorially, namely, investigation, publicity and recommendation.

In the Advertiser of April 6, 1913, appears a draft of a bill which I imagine was the one agreed on between the governor and the gentlemen on this committee. This bill, with some amendments, also finally agreed to, passed and became a law.

On April 10, 1913, the Advertiser published an editorial headed "Better Be Slow Than Sorry," favoring a public utility bill admittedly suggested in part by public utility corporations.

On April 14, 1913, the Advertiser in a long editorial advocated in all sincerity that a public utility bill with only "teeth" enough "to bite off what can at present be digested," be passed, leaving to the future generations the supplying of "real teeth."

On April 15, 1913, the Advertiser quotes the then governor with saying that "I will sign the bill," (the present utility act) "providing, of course, that the amendments did not radically change" (the emphasis is mine) "it more than I believe." I have good reason to believe that the only amendments that amounted to anything were drawn by Governor Frear, after consultation with at least one, if not more, of the members of this public spirited committee.

Act 135 of the Session Laws of 1913, subjecting certain gas, electric light and power, telephone, railroad and street railway companies and franchise holders to the provisions of the public utilities act, which requires, of course, the approval of Congress, to make it effective, was signed by the governor on April 23, 1913. Without the approval of this Act 135 by Congress, the present public utilities act will never amount to much, as any reputable lawyer can tell you. Has anybody heard of these public utility concerns or this public spirited committee urging Congress to approve Act 135? Has ex-Governor Frear, who has been in Washington for a number of months, been openly advocating the approval by Congress of Act 135? If so, I have not heard of it, and I have been in Washington recently myself.

To get down to the best means of carrying out my interpretation of the act and also the spirit in which it should be undertaken. As the act now stands, I would carry out the act in the manner suggested by the attorneys of the public utilities themselves, to wit, investigation, publicity and recommendation. In my opinion, this will undoubtedly help toward inducing the next legislature to put something besides "false" teeth in the public utilities bill. Even "investigation, publicity and recommendation," if properly and efficiently carried out, will, in my opinion, make enemies for the commissioners, yet, it is sometimes said, that a man who makes no enemies makes nothing.

Economy will have to be practiced, of course. A great deal of unnecessary expense in clerical hire is at present, I think, being incurred. In many ways, the expense of running the commission may be reduced.

Thanking you for an opportunity of placing myself on record on the important matters above referred to, I beg to remain

Yours truly,

A. A. WILDER.

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THE PLANETS IN APRIL.

Mercury is morning star and may be seen in the east, near the horizon, for a half hour or more before sunrise during the first half of the month. He reaches his greatest elongation, 27 degrees west of the sun, on the 6th. Venus is evening star, just beginning to be visible in the western horizon for a short time after sunset. She sets between 7 and 8 p. m.

Mars and Neptune are in Gemini. They will be in conjunction on the 21st when Mars will be 2½ degrees north of Neptune. They set near 1 a. m.

Jupiter and Uranus are morning stars in Capricornus. They rise near 2 a. m.

Saturn in Taurus sets about 10:30. The moon passes near Mars on the 3d, Jupiter the 18th, Venus the 26th, and Saturn the 28th.

F. E. HARRIS.

LECTURE AT CENTRAL UNION

Prof. James H. M. Le-Apsley will

give his address entitled "Working at the Business of Life" this evening at the mid-week service of Central Union Church, which is held in the parish house at 7:30. Professor Le-Apsley has been giving a most interesting course of lectures upon psychological subjects and this talk will be based upon his study of the thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians.

TONIGHT'S BAND PROGRAM

Under the direction of Kapellmeister Henri Berger, the Hawaiian band will play at Ala Park this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Following is the program:

March: The Best Regiment... Komarak
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Intermezzo: Rapid Transit... Arndt
Selection: Il Trovatore (by request)

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